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## GREETINGS FROM COLONEL PRITZKER

Hello, and welcome to the Pritzker Military Museum & Library's 2015 Liberty Gala! I want to begin by expressing my sincerest gratitude for your unwavering support for this institution. I am consistently amazed at how much we have been able to accomplish over the years, and none of it would be possible without your generosity—be it time, talent, treasure, or simple well-wishes. So, whether you have been with us since the beginning or have partnered more recently, I hope you are heartened by the realization that your support directly impacts each and every person that enters the Museum & Library or views our content online.

Aided by your contributions, the Museum & Library continues to pursue its mission—to collect, preserve, and share the stories of citizen soldiers—and to make a lasting impact on the public by furthering our collective understanding of history and the vital role of our Armed Forces in a democratic society.

Furthermore, it is our belief that an informed public is a vital component of a functional America, and that if we are to live in a society with a civilian-controlled military, then we, as a nation, must be able to examine and discuss the past, present, and future of that military in an open forum.

It is to this end that our staff has worked so diligently since the Museum & Library's founding in 2003 to create the premier non-partisan institution that you see today. Our library catalog now includes more than 50,000 circulating volumes on an incredible range of subjects related to military history and affairs, and 3,000 more historic and non-circulating items in our Rare Book collection. Our archives include thousands of artifacts, documents, uniforms, posters and prints, and our museum space has hosted three major exhibitions in the past year. And our public programs and events have reached hundreds of thousands in Chicago and around the world, via our website and the two award-winning public television series that are produced in-house.

The Pritzker Military Museum & Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing, now awarded annually as a means of honoring an individual who has made significant contributions to enriching the public understanding of military history, is another important aspect of our efforts. So tonight I will proudly present this year's award to Brandeis University Professor David Hackett Fischer in recognition of a long and distinguished career as a historian, author, and teacher of the highest caliber.

Dr. Fischer's proven dedication to his craft is emblematic of what the Pritzker Literature Award is meant to recognize, and I am truly grateful to have him here with us tonight.

I am also honored to welcome all of our military guests—veterans and active duty—and to extend my thanks to each and every one of you for your service. The goal of preserving military history necessarily illuminates the experiences of individuals like you, and it is in fact your stories that the Museum & Library wishes to document. So it is my hope that your attendance tonight will enhance the evening for everyone.

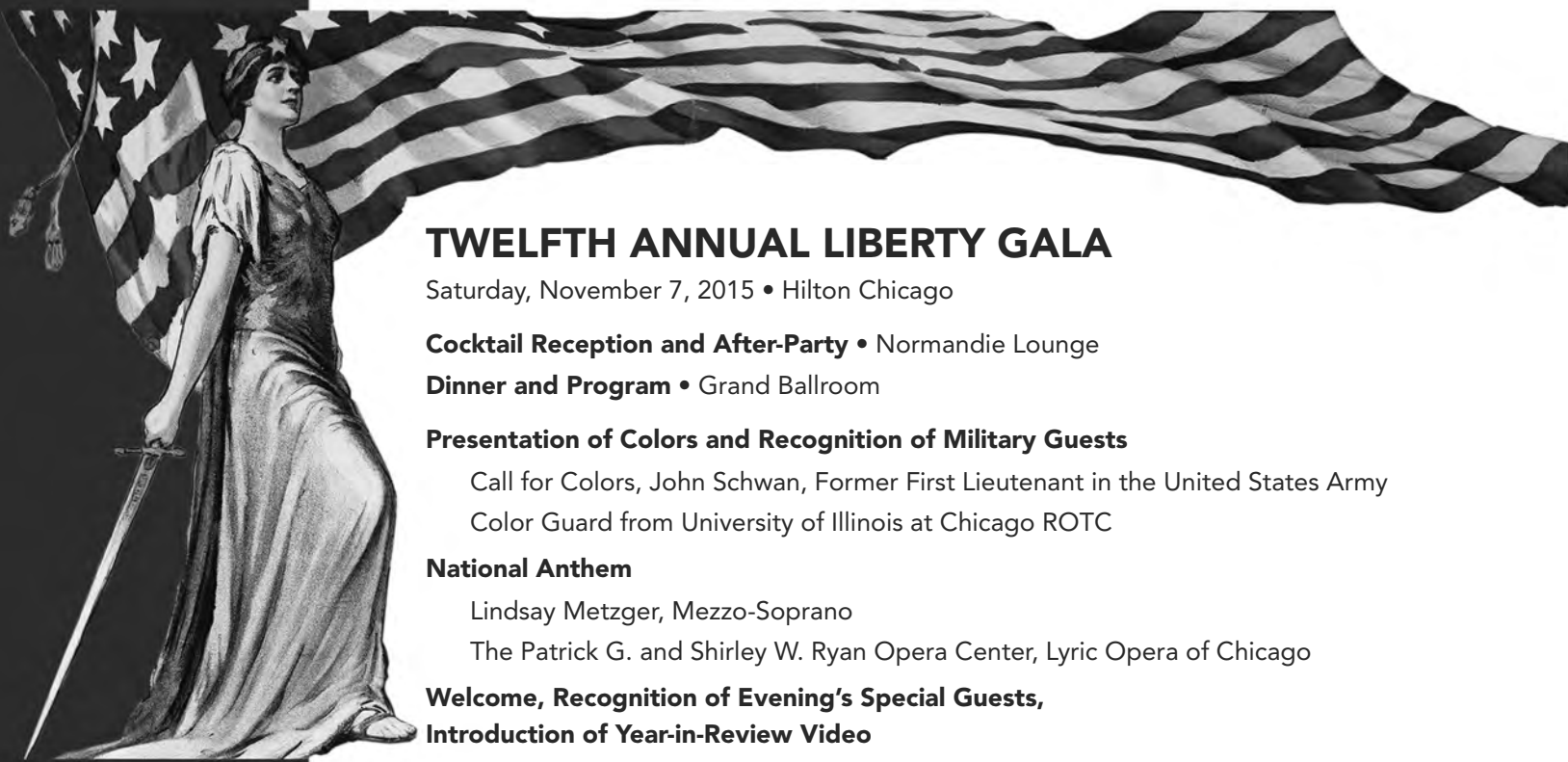
I would also like to extend a special thanks to this evening's sponsors, to Gala Chairs Ty and Anne Fahner, to the Gala Host Committee, to our Board of Directors, and to the entire staff of the Pritzker Military Museum & Library for the countless hours that have gone into planning this event. Finally, I want to thank all of our guests for sharing in this celebration; I hope you enjoy yourselves, and that you learn something new this evening.

Colonel (IL) Jennifer N. Pritzker, IL ARNG (Retired)



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## TWELFTH ANNUAL LIBERTY GALA

Saturday, November 7, 2015 • Hilton Chicago

**Cocktail Reception and After-Party** • Normandie Lounge

**Dinner and Program** • Grand Ballroom

### **Presentation of Colors and Recognition of Military Guests**

Call for Colors, John Schwan, Former First Lieutenant in the United States Army  
Color Guard from University of Illinois at Chicago ROTC

### **National Anthem**

Lindsay Metzger, Mezzo-Soprano  
The Patrick G. and Shirley W. Ryan Opera Center, Lyric Opera of Chicago

### **Welcome, Recognition of Evening's Special Guests, Introduction of Year-in-Review Video**

Stacey Baca, Host, ABC 7

### **State of The Museum & Library**

Kenneth Clarke, President & CEO, Pritzker Military Museum & Library

### **Partnership Showcase, Chicago Public Schools JROTC Program**

Pritzker Military Museum & Library Distinguished Service Medal  
Presentation to Cadet Miranda Cardona, Prosser Career Academy

### **Founder's Literature Award Presentation**

Colonel (IL) Jennifer N. Pritzker, IL ARNG (Retired)

### **Blessing**

Major General James H. Mukoyama, Jr., USA (Retired)

### **Dinner**

### **Remarks**

Tyrone Fahner, Gala Chair

### **Pritzker Military Museum & Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing**

Professor David Hackett Fischer, Recipient  
Presented by Colonel (IL) Jennifer N. Pritzker, IL ARNG (Retired)

### **Remarks**

Professor David Hackett Fischer

### **Stories of Service Oral History Project**

Introduction, Vice Admiral Nils R. Thunman, USN (Retired)

### **Close of Program**

Stacey Baca

### **Live Auction, Paddle Raise, and Raffle Drawing**

Jim Miller, Auctioneer; Stacey Baca, Raffle Drawing

### **After-Party**

Cocktails, Coffee Bar, Dessert  
Music by Stitely Entertainment

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# DINNER MENU

## To Begin...

Poached Baby Pear with Brie Cheese  
Arugula, Radicchio, Frisée, Candied Almonds, Mostarda di frutta and Cucumber Fan  
Raspberry Vinaigrette

## The Main Course...

Pan Seared Petite Filet Mignon with Truffle and Red Wine Sauce  
Paired with Roasted Cod with Red Pepper Coulis on a bed of Sautéed Spinach  
Accompanied by Risotto & Quinoa Timbale, Ratatouille,  
Heirloom Carrots and Broccolini

## Vegetarian and Gluten Free Option...

Risotto & Quinoa Timbales  
Ratatouille, Roasted Red Pepper Coulis and Wilted Spinach

## Something Sweet...

Petite Dessert Sampler  
Chocolate & Peanut Brittle Cake, Red Velvet Cheesecake with  
Gold Dusting and Chocolate Covered Strawberry  
Sour Cherries Compote, Blueberries, Fruit Coulis and Marble Chocolate Stick  
Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Tea

## Wine Service

Beaulieu Vineyard BV Chardonnay • William Hill Cabernet Sauvignon

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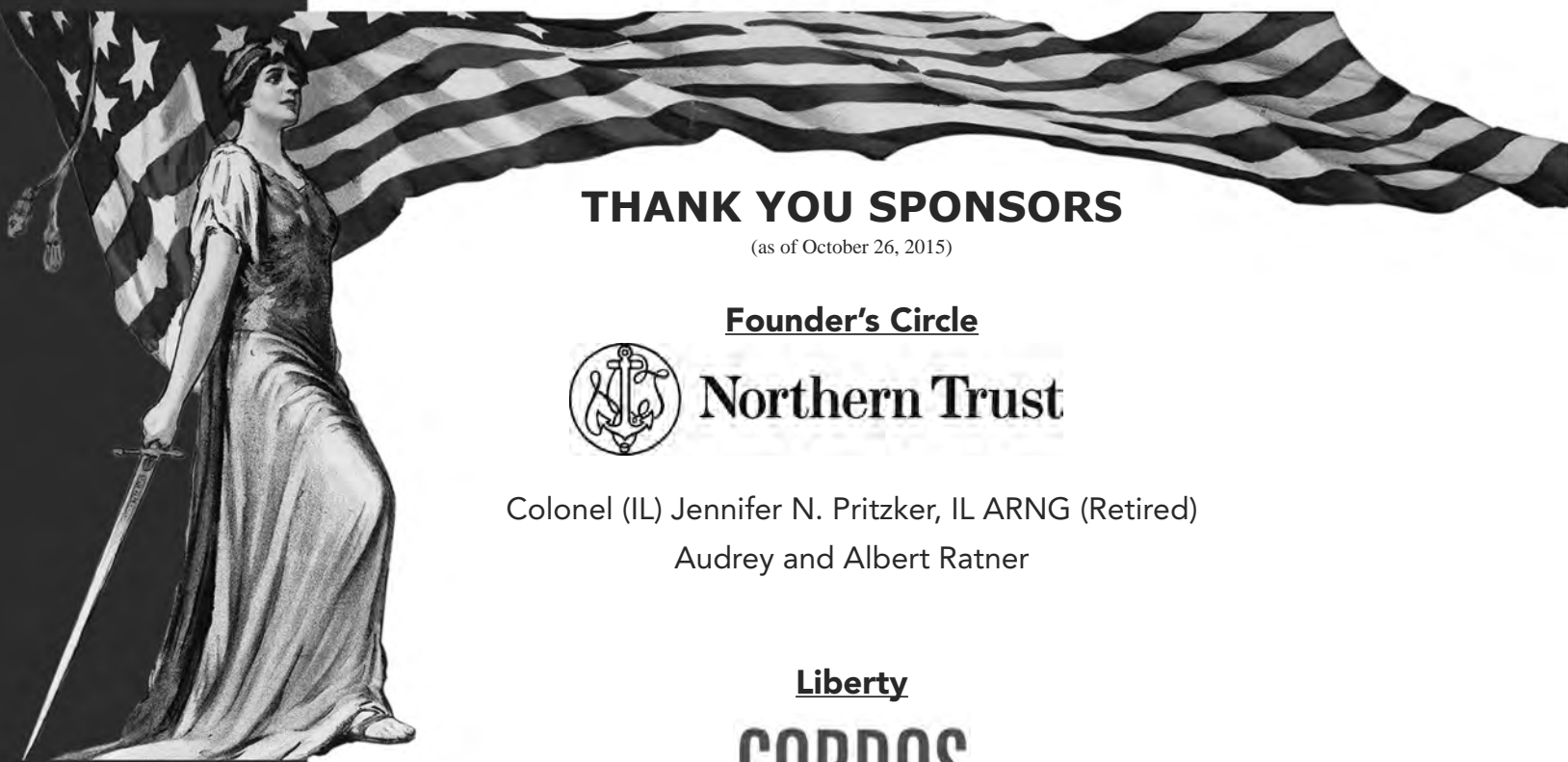
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### After-Party



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BRUCE RAUNER  
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November 7, 2015

2015 Liberty Gala

Greetings!

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I am pleased to welcome everyone to the 2015 Liberty Gala in honor of the Pritzker Military Library.

The Pritzker Military Library is filled with an extensive collection of books, artifacts and rotating exhibits covering many eras and branches of the military. I commend the work of the Pritzker Military Library for its dedication to the people of Illinois by allowing them to get a glimpse inside the history of our ancestors.

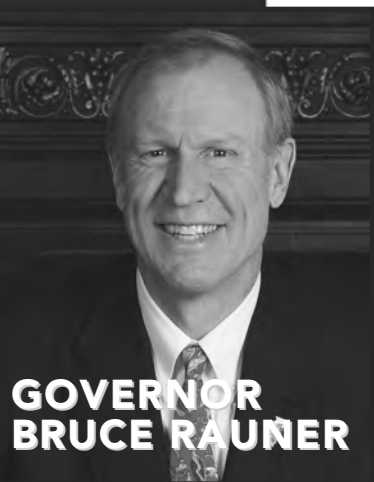
Congratulations to David Hackett Fischer on winning the 2015 Pritzker Military Museum & Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing. This prestigious award recognizes a living author who has made a significant contribution to the understanding of military history. David Hackett Fischer has contributed to understanding military history with his many books such as *Washington's Crossing* and *The Great Wave: Price Revolutions and the Rhythm of History*.

It is my honor to welcome everyone gathered for the 2015 Liberty Gala and congratulate David Hackett Fischer on his great achievement. On behalf of the people of Illinois, I offer my best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable celebration, and for continued success.

Sincerely,

Bruce Rauner  
Governor, State of Illinois

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
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November 7, 2015

Dear Friends:

As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to all those gathered for the Pritzker Military Museum & Library's 2015 Liberty Gala.

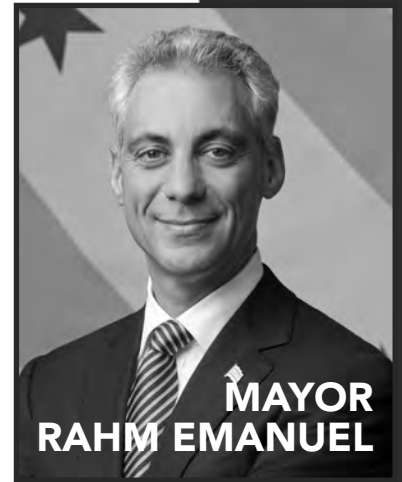
Opened in 2003, the Pritzker Military Museum & Library has been an invaluable resource of military history for the American public. With an aim to amass and acquire a great many materials to educate patrons on the role of the citizen soldier in the preservation of democracy, the Pritzker Military Museum & Library serves a great purpose in Chicagoland. Its presence in this city allows Chicagoans and visitors alike unique access to significant parts of our nation's history and context for modern society.

Tonight's event honors the families and the courageous members of America's Armed Forces who protect us every day, here at home and around the world while celebrating the library's continued commitment to house and share these stories. In Chicago, we have the largest JROTC program of any school system in the nation and the only city with every branch of the military represented in our high schools. I am glad that in the Pritzker Military Museum & Library, we have a unique institution dedicated to preserving our soldiers' stories and fostering dialogue about the challenges they face. This state-of-the-art library has quickly become one of Chicago's cultural treasures. I congratulate Mr. David Hackett Fischer on being awarded the 2015 Pritzker Military Museum & Library Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement in Military Writing. I would also like to commend all of those gathered tonight for their continued support of this worthy cause.

On behalf of the people of Chicago, I would like to thank the men and women of the Armed Forces. Your service and commitment to our country is greatly appreciated. I hope all gathered have an enjoyable evening.

Sincerely,

*Rahm Emanuel*  
Mayor



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November 7, 2015

Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome all of you to the Pritzker Military Museum & Library's 2015 Liberty Gala. Tonight's gathering is a wonderful opportunity to support the work of the Museum & Library and honor the brave men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Since opening in 2003, the Pritzker Military Museum & Library has been dedicated to increasing public understanding of military history and the sacrifices made by the men and women who have served. By preserving and maintaining a robust collection of books and related materials on military history, the Museum & Library has become an important public resource for the Chicago community. I've always been impressed with my visits to the Museum & Library and I look forward to seeing what you accomplish next.

Again, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to tonight's attendees for your dedication to preserving our nation's history and honoring our service men and women. Congratulations on all your work and achievements, and I wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

Very truly yours,

Richard J. Durbin  
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Dear Friends of the Pritzker Military Museum & Library:

I am delighted to send you best wishes as you celebrate the Pritzker Military Museum & Library's 2015 Liberty Gala. I congratulate the Pritzker Military Museum & Library on its longstanding commitment to bringing citizens and Citizen Soldiers together; thus allowing them to learn from one another about military history and the role the Armed Forces play in today's society. I would like to thank the Pritzker Military Museum & Library and all those involved in the planning of tonight's event for their hard work and dedication. It is my hope that the occasion will be both enjoyable and memorable.

I commend the Pritzker Military Museum & Library on its achievement in collecting, preserving and sharing the stories of our Citizen Soldiers and wish you all the best for continued success in the years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Mark Kirk in black ink.

Mark Kirk  
United States Senator

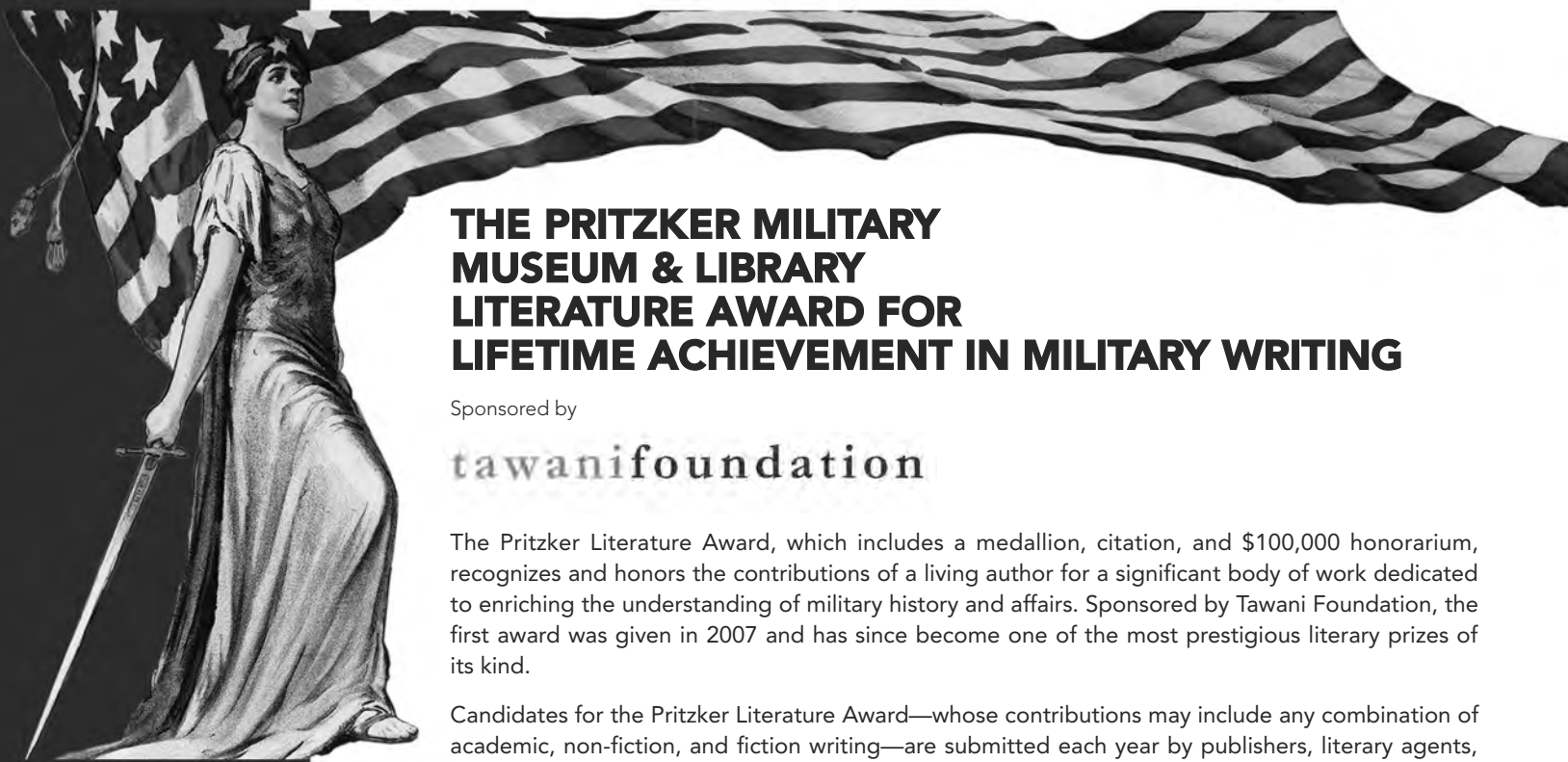
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# THE PRITZKER MILITARY MUSEUM & LIBRARY LITERATURE AWARD FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN MILITARY WRITING

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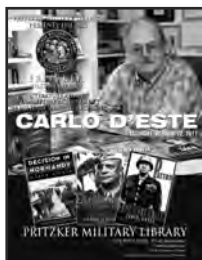
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The Pritzker Literature Award, which includes a medallion, citation, and \$100,000 honorarium, recognizes and honors the contributions of a living author for a significant body of work dedicated to enriching the understanding of military history and affairs. Sponsored by Tawani Foundation, the first award was given in 2007 and has since become one of the most prestigious literary prizes of its kind.

Candidates for the Pritzker Literature Award—whose contributions may include any combination of academic, non-fiction, and fiction writing—are submitted each year by publishers, literary agents, booksellers, and other professional literary organizations. These nominees are then reviewed by a screening committee made up of past winners, community leaders, historians, and authors before a recommendation is made to the Executive Committee, chaired by Museum & Library Founder Jennifer N. Pritzker, which is responsible for the final selection.

The Pritzker Military Museum & Library thanks all those who assisted and guided this process.

Literature award



## Past Lifetime Literature Award Recipients

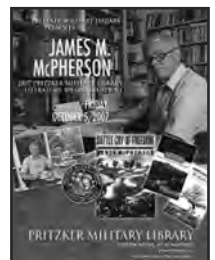
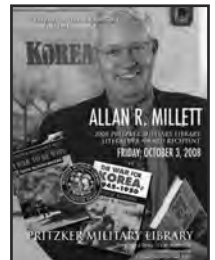
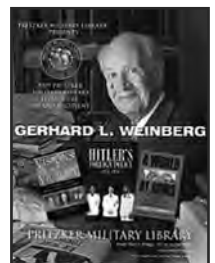
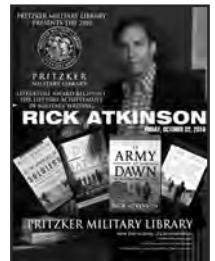
James McPherson, 2007  
Colonel Allan R. Millett, USMCR (Retired), 2008  
Gerhard L. Weinberg, 2009  
Rick Atkinson, 2010  
Lieutenant Colonel Carlo D'Este, USA (Retired), 2011  
Sir Max Hastings, 2012  
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Antony Beevor, 2014

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## DAVID HACKETT FISCHER, 2015 RECIPIENT PRITZKER MILITARY MUSEUM & LIBRARY LITERATURE AWARD FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN MILITARY WRITING

Pulitzer Prize-winning historian, best-selling author, and Brandeis University professor David Hackett Fischer is a world-class educator and author who considers himself "primarily a storyteller and old-fashioned history teacher."

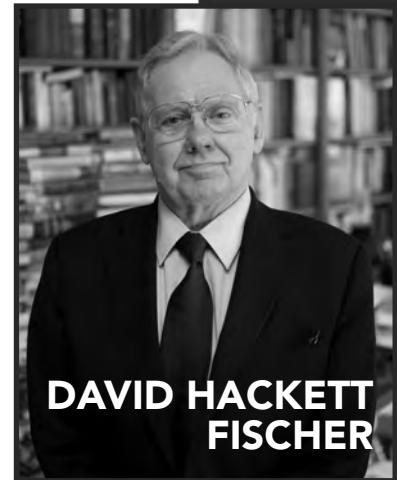
Author of 15 major publications on topics ranging from the American Revolution to the logic of historical thought, Fischer received the American Enterprise Institute's Irving Kristol Award in 2006 for his "pivotal role in reviving popular and academic interest in American history and its lessons for the present."

Among his notable works are bestsellers and award-winners like *Washington's Crossing*, a National Book Award finalist and 2005 Pulitzer Prize winner for history; *Paul Revere's Ride*, a 1996 Boston Globe Top 10 Book of the Year; *Champlain's Dream*, an internationally acclaimed biography published in English and French; and *Albion's Seed: Four British Folkways in America*, a groundbreaking study of the roots of essential American traits—a second volume of which is now in progress.

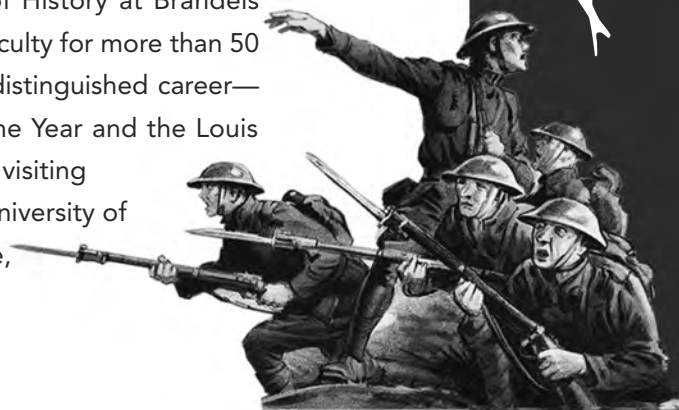
Fischer believes that history begins as inquiry, and he seeks to learn how people lead in open societies and how we engage our values through our actions. Thus, in the last 40 years, writing about the military and the people who serve has touched or informed nearly everything he has written.

"Dr. Fischer has made extraordinary contributions to the field of military history...he is a master storyteller and a brilliant teacher," said Pritzker Literature Award Screening Committee chairman John W. Rowe. "The committee members take great pride in recommending a deserving candidate for selection each year, and Dr. Fischer is an undeniably worthy choice."

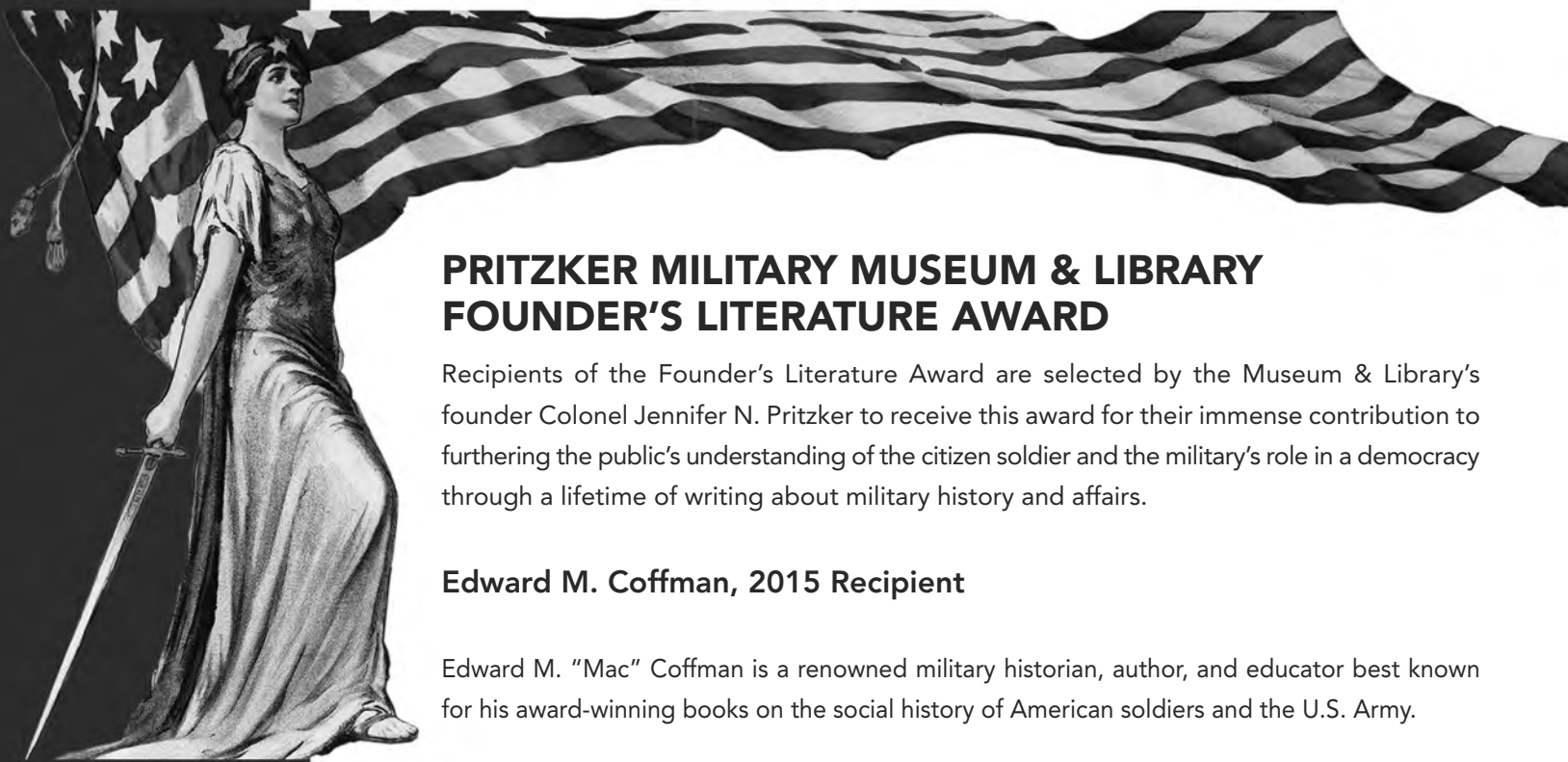
A graduate of Princeton University (A.B., 1958) and the Johns Hopkins University (Ph.D., 1962), Fischer is University Professor and Earl Warren Professor of History at Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts, where he has served on the faculty for more than 50 years. A recipient of numerous teaching awards over his long and distinguished career—including the 1990 Carnegie Prize as Massachusetts Professor of the Year and the Louis Dembitz Brandeis Prize for Excellence in Teaching—Fischer has held visiting professorships at Harvard University, The University of Oxford, the University of Washington, and several institutions in New Zealand. He and his wife, Judith Hummel Fischer, have two children and two grandchildren.



*recipient*







## PRITZKER MILITARY MUSEUM & LIBRARY FOUNDER'S LITERATURE AWARD

Recipients of the Founder's Literature Award are selected by the Museum & Library's founder Colonel Jennifer N. Pritzker to receive this award for their immense contribution to furthering the public's understanding of the citizen soldier and the military's role in a democracy through a lifetime of writing about military history and affairs.

### Edward M. Coffman, 2015 Recipient

Edward M. "Mac" Coffman is a renowned military historian, author, and educator best known for his award-winning books on the social history of American soldiers and the U.S. Army.

A graduate of the University of Kentucky, where he is honored in the university's Hall of Distinguished Alumni, Coffman was a member of the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) as a student and served from 1951-1953 as an Army infantry officer in Korea and Japan. Following his discharge, he returned to Kentucky to pursue a PhD in History, later accepting a position as an instructor at Memphis State University. In 1961, Coffman joined the history department at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he served as faculty and helped develop one of the best military history programs in the nation.

Author of numerous books and scholarly articles, Coffman's most famous works include *The War to End All Wars*—considered the authoritative work on American military involvement in World War I—*The Old Army: A Portrait of the American Army in Peacetime, 1784-1898*, and its long-awaited sequel, *The Regulars: The American Army, 1898-1941*—winner of the Spencer Tucker Award for Outstanding Achievement in Military History. In the latter two books, Coffman drew upon government records and firsthand accounts to study the lives of the people that make up our Armed Forces and the families who support them.

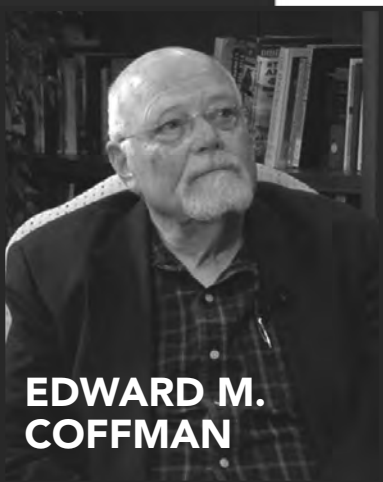
Coffman has also served as an associate for the George C. Marshall Research Foundation and as visiting professor at Kansas State University, the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Army Military History Institute, and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. He was awarded the Decoration for Distinguished Civilian Service by the Department of the Army for his extensive contributions to the development of the army historical program, and in 1990, received the Society for Military History Samuel Eliot Morison Prize for outstanding contributions to the field of military history.

*"Mac Coffman is one of this country's outstanding figures in the field of military history. It's been a privilege to interview him about his experiences."*

- Gerhard Weinberg

2009 Pritzker Literature Recipient

award



**EDWARD M.  
COFFMAN**

# PRITZKER MILITARY MUSEUM & LIBRARY FOUNDER'S LITERATURE AWARD

## Sir Michael Eliot Howard, 2015 Recipient

Pritzker Military Museum & Library Founder's Literature Award Recipient Sir Michael Howard has often been called Britain's finest living historian—best known for his ability to expand his writings about military history beyond the facts and figures and into an examination of the sociological significance of war.

A decorated veteran of the British Army, Howard was awarded the nation's Military Cross for distinguished service as an infantry officer with the Coldstream Guards during the Italian Campaign of World War II, where he was twice wounded. A graduate of Wellington College, Howard completed his education at Christ Church, University of Oxford following the war.

As an educator, Howard made his mark as a professor of history at King's College London, where he was credited with founding the Department of War Studies in 1962 and went on to become one of Britain's most influential academic policy makers. He also served as Robert A. Lovett Professor of Military and Naval History at Yale University; as Chichele Professor of the History of War and Regius Professor of Modern History at Oxford; and as founder and President Emeritus of London's International Institute for Strategic Studies.

As an author, Howard has produced or contributed to important writings on a wide range of subjects related to military history and theory. His most significant works include *War in European History*, *The Continental Commitment: The Dilemma of British Defence Policy in the Era of the Two World Wars*, and *The Franco-Prussian War*—acknowledged as the definitive history of one of the most dramatic and decisive conflicts in the history of Europe. He is also an editor and translator of the most widely read version of Carl von Clausewitz' masterpiece, *On War*.

Knighted in 1986, Sir Howard is a Fellow of the British Academy and a member of Britain's prestigious Order of Merit, Order of the Companions of Honour, and Order of the British Empire.

***"I don't think I've ever come away from a conversation with Sir Michael Howard without having learnt something or been made to think about something."***

- Sir Max Hastings

2012 Pritzker Literature Award Recipient





*special guests*

## SPECIAL GUESTS

### Stacey Baca, Host

Stacey Baca is a triple threat on the ABC 7 News Team. She is a journalist who anchors, reports, and stays connected through Twitter and Facebook. She joined ABC 7 Chicago in June 2002.

On the anchor desk, Baca delivers the number one rated weekend morning newscasts – ABC 7 News Saturday and Sunday mornings. She is a versatile reporter who covers a wide range of stories – breaking news, crime, education, politics and feature stories, among others. She contributes to the afternoon newscasts and often reports on ABC 7 News at 10.

Baca is passionate about covering military news throughout the Chicago area. This is a personal mission because she is married to a retired Naval Aviator and has been involved in military life for more than 20 years. Because of her husband's military career, Baca has worked coast-to-coast. Prior to joining ABC 7 News, she anchored and reported at KNSD in San Diego (1999-2002). In California, she covered everything from the military, politics, crime and courts, to international border issues between the U.S. and Mexico. She also traveled overseas to cover the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia. Before California, she worked in Norfolk, Virginia (home of the country's largest Navy base), reporting and anchoring the Saturday and Sunday morning newscasts at WTKR-TV (1996-1998).

Baca's journalism career did not begin on television; it started with newspapers. In her hometown of Brighton, Colorado, Baca worked for the Brighton Standard Blade while she was attending the University of Colorado at Boulder. After graduating, The Denver Post hired Baca as a staff writer (1992-1996). She uncovered information about the local militia movements and detailed how HIV/AIDS was affecting the Latino community.

Throughout her career, Stacey has received numerous awards and recognitions from the Associated Press and the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS). She is also a member of NATAS and the National Association of Hispanic Journalists. Baca is passionate about education and often speaks to elementary, middle school, high school and college students.

### Veterans of the United States Military

Assisting with the evening's program, the Pritzker Military Museum & Library is honored to be joined by veterans Vice Admiral Nils R. Thunman, USN (Retired), Major General James H. Mukoyama, Jr., USA (Retired) and John Schwan.

**Vice Admiral Nils R. Thunman, USN (Retired)** served a distinguished 34 year career as a submariner serving as the bridge between the Rickover Navy and the modern Navy. As the last Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Submarine Warfare, Thunman developed many of the plans and policies that guide today's Naval submarine warfare.

**Major General James H. Mukoyama, Jr., USA (Retired)** retired from the Army in May 1995 after over thirty years of total active and reserve component service, and two combat tours. In 1989, he became the first Asian-American in the history of the United States to command an Army division.

**John Schwan** is the Chairman of CTI industries and a veteran of the Vietnam War having served in the First Air Cavalry. John was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, Air Medal, two Bronze Stars with V for Valor device, and a Purple Heart.

### The Men and Women of the United States Armed Services

We honor tonight as our special guests active duty members from every branch of the U.S. Armed Forces. A highlight of the evening for our civilian guests is the opportunity to share a table and conversation with members of the military and to personally thank them for their service. The participation of military guests is made possible through the generous support of Northern Trust and the Pritzker Family.

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Highlighting the list of participants in 2015 were non-military veterans Elinor Otto—an original "Rosie the Riveter" who built airplanes during World War II and for more than 50 years—and Marie Davidson, who served as a "Doughnut Dolly" with the American Red Cross in Korea and Vietnam. The program also recorded the stories of three OEF/OIF veterans; a Silver Star recipient; an escapee of the infamous Bataan Death March of 1942; a survivor of a Nazi concentration camp who went on to a career with the Israeli Defense Forces; and 18 Vietnam combat photographers who served with the Department of the Army Special Photographic Office (DASPO) in the late 1960s.

The importance of oral histories cannot be overstated, and it is through your support that the Holt Oral History Program continues to grow, to enrich our collection, and to capture the attention of the community. With that in mind, the Pritzker Military Museum & Library is excited to offer opportunities for the public to get involved, so that every veteran might have a chance to share his or her story.

**If you know a veteran or active member of the military who would like to share their Story of Service, please contact Oral History Coordinator Thom Webb at (312) 374-9333 or [twebb@pritzkermilitary.org](mailto:twebb@pritzkermilitary.org).**

*Named in honor of Tuskegee Airman Coleman T. Holt, the Holt Oral History Program features state-of-the-art equipment and a dedicated recording space where interviews are conducted by Museum & Library staff, volunteers, fellow veterans, and even family members. Once recorded, these important pieces of military history, ranging in length from 30 minutes to 10 hours or more, are transcribed, catalogued, and made available to the public through the Museum & Library's website and via downloadable podcasts, where they reach thousands of listeners each year.*

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### ***America's Answer***

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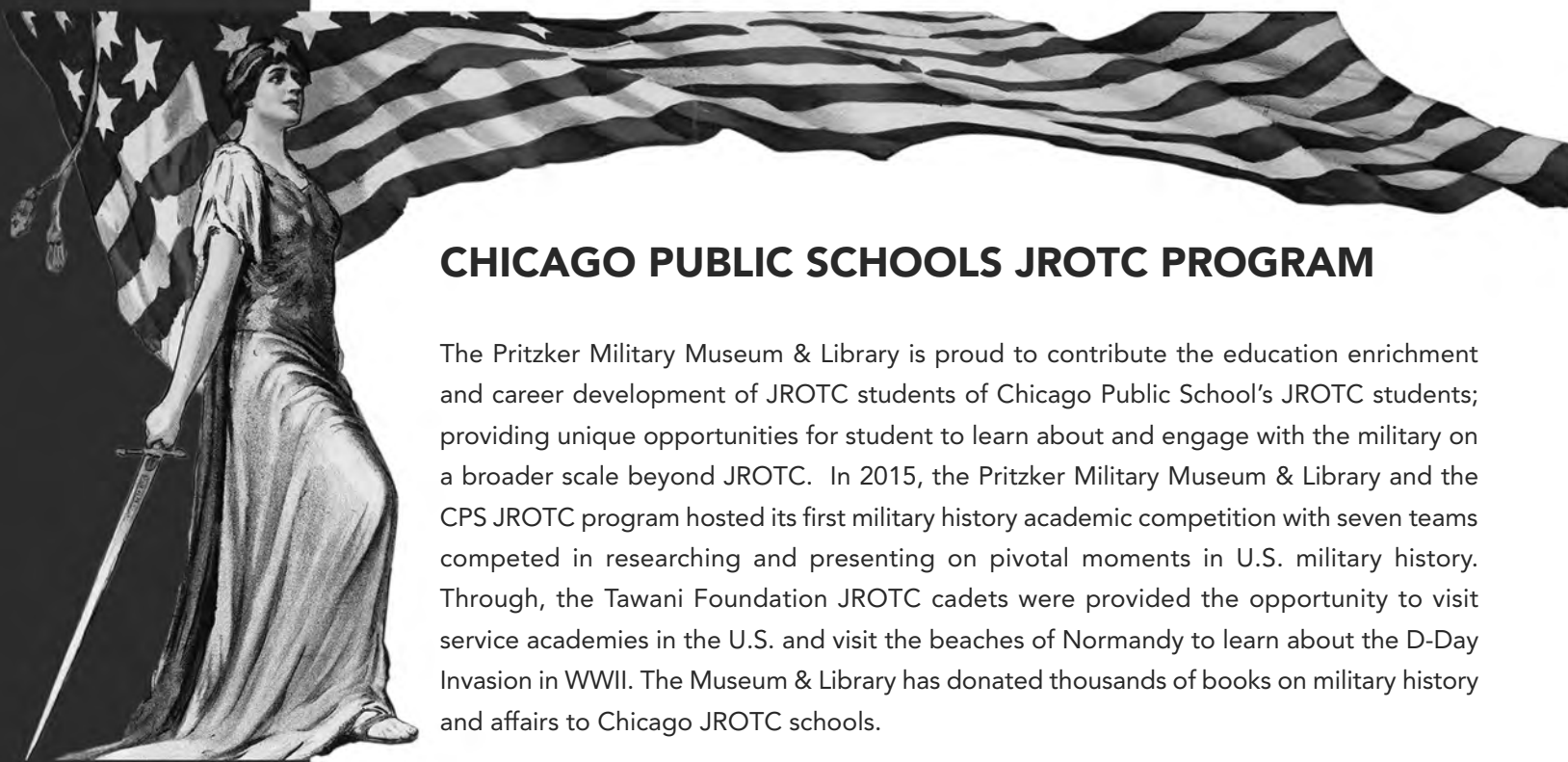
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*William Blair*





## CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS JROTC PROGRAM

The Pritzker Military Museum & Library is proud to contribute the education enrichment and career development of JROTC students of Chicago Public School's JROTC students; providing unique opportunities for student to learn about and engage with the military on a broader scale beyond JROTC. In 2015, the Pritzker Military Museum & Library and the CPS JROTC program hosted its first military history academic competition with seven teams competed in researching and presenting on pivotal moments in U.S. military history. Through, the Tawani Foundation JROTC cadets were provided the opportunity to visit service academies in the U.S. and visit the beaches of Normandy to learn about the D-Day Invasion in WWII. The Museum & Library has donated thousands of books on military history and affairs to Chicago JROTC schools.

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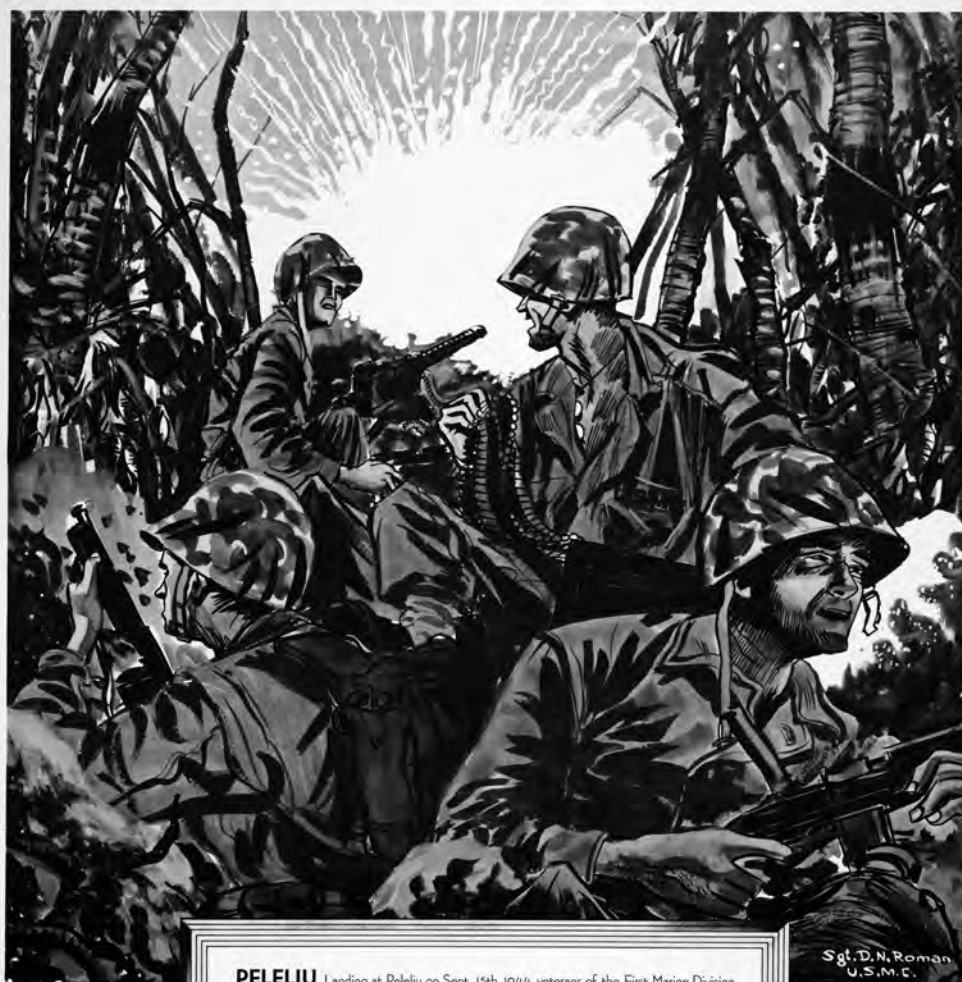
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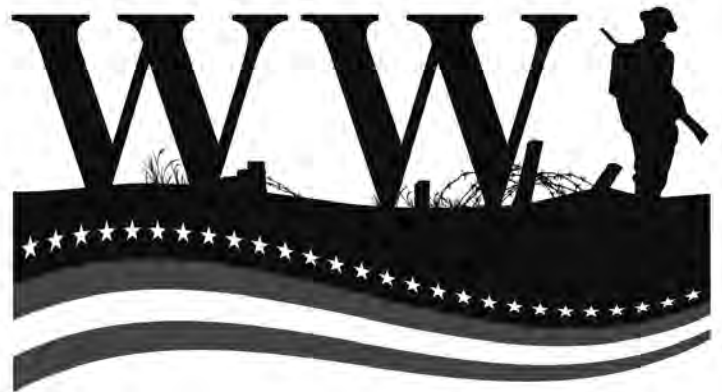
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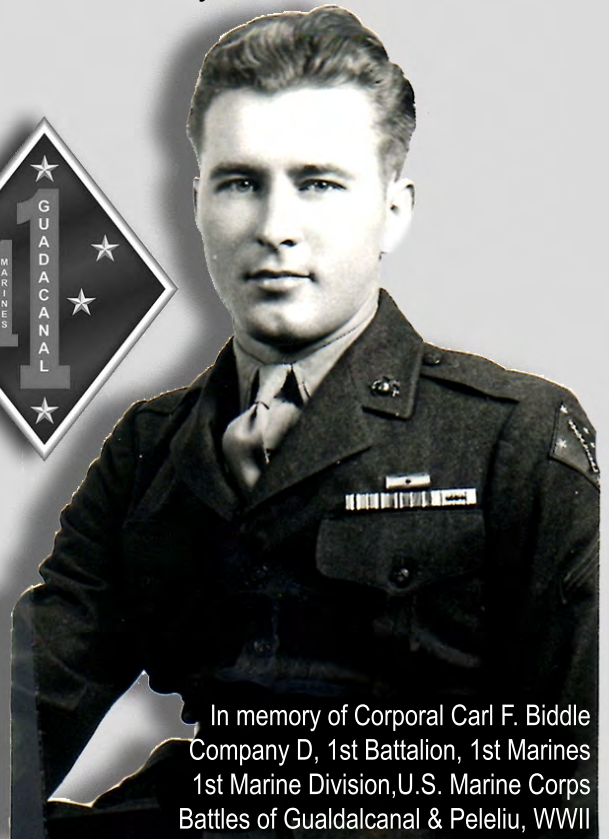
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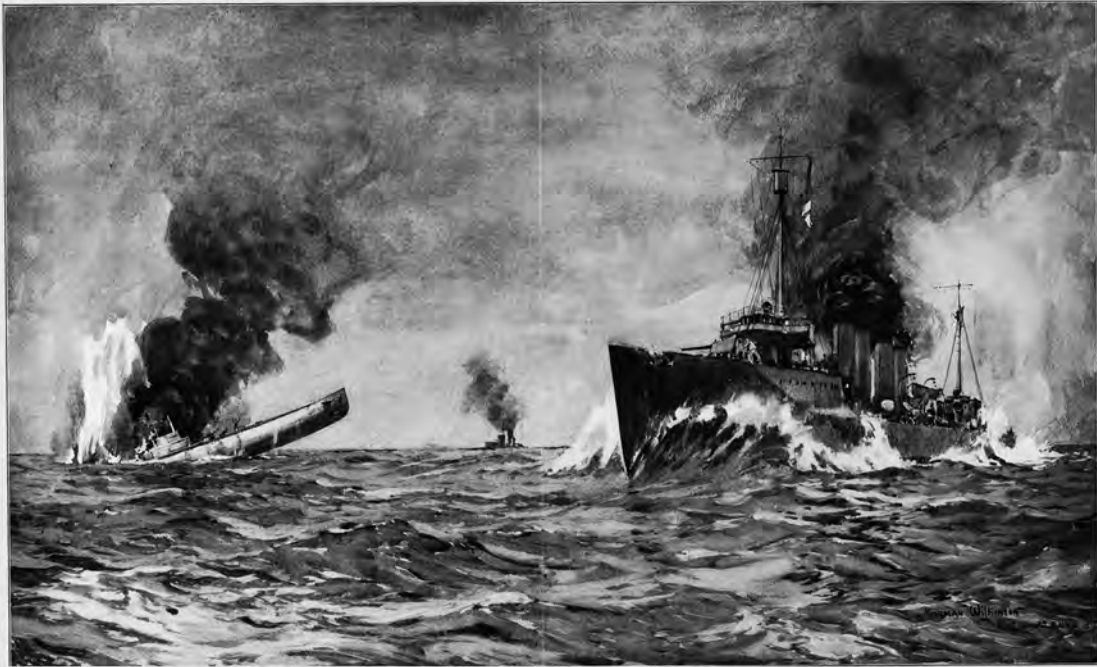
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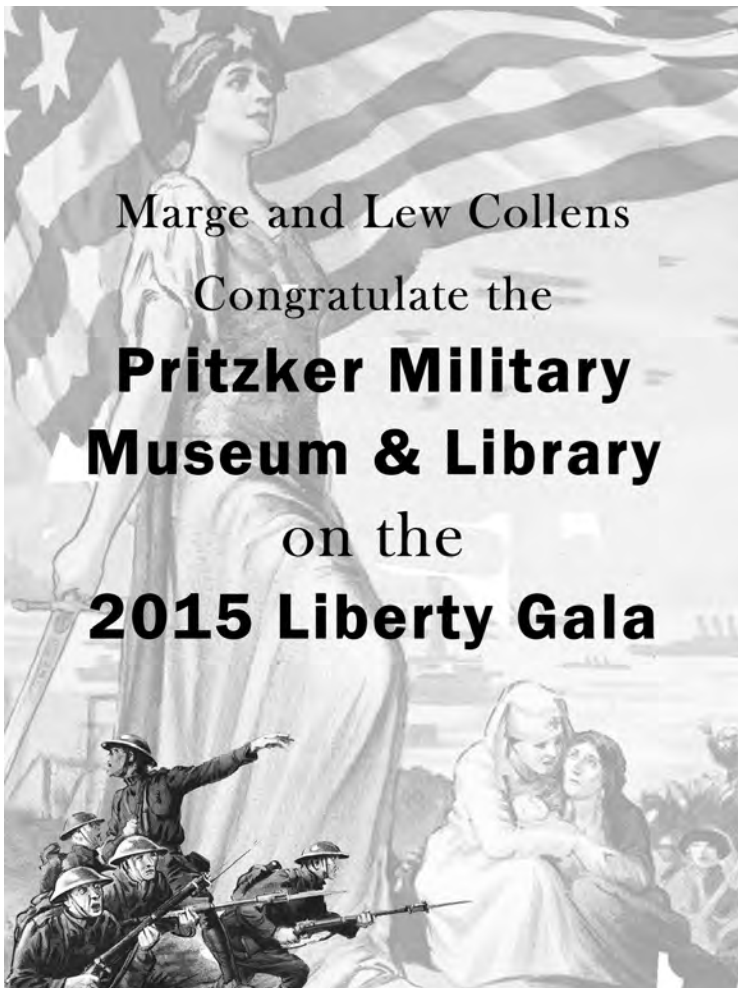


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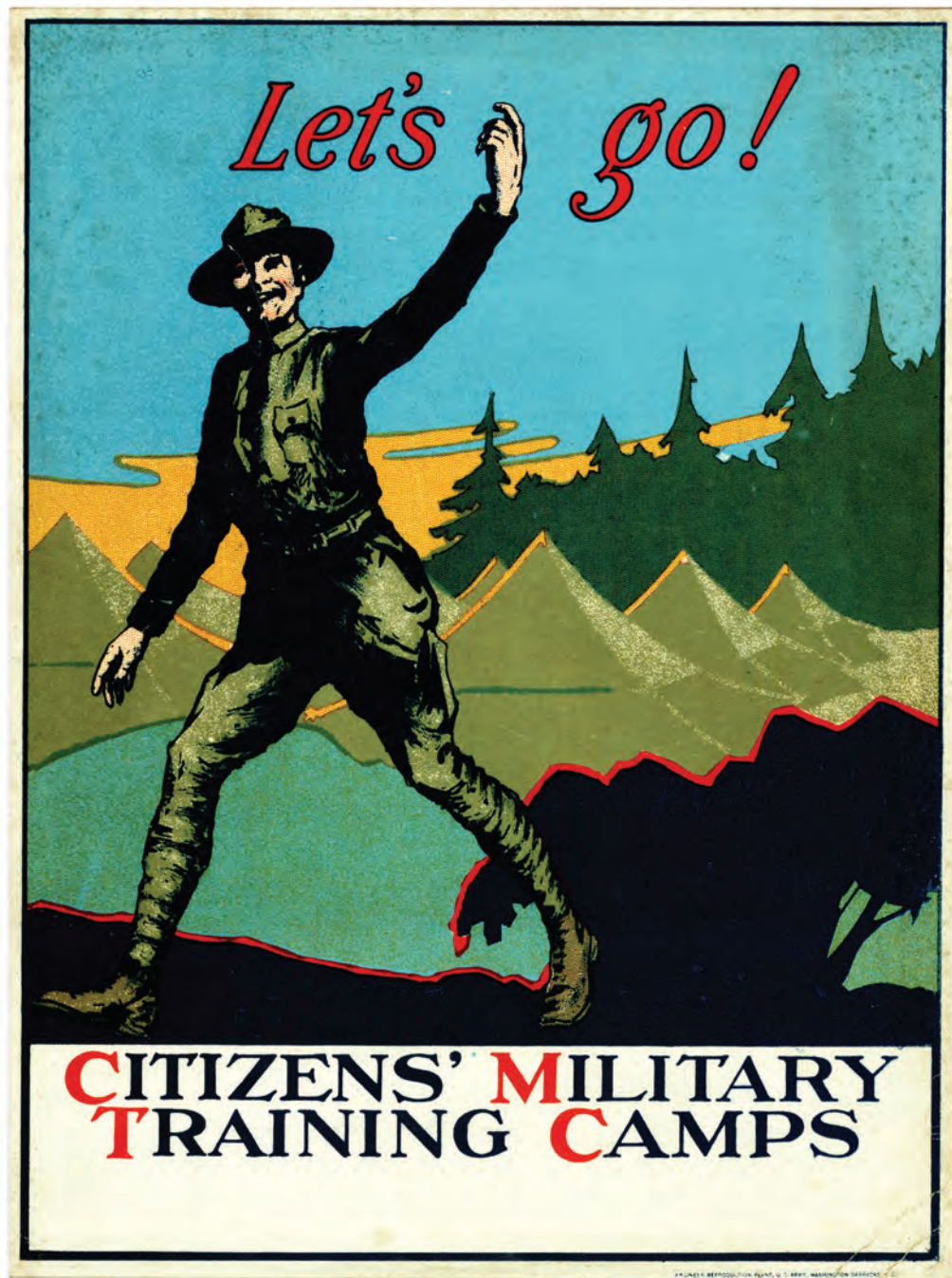


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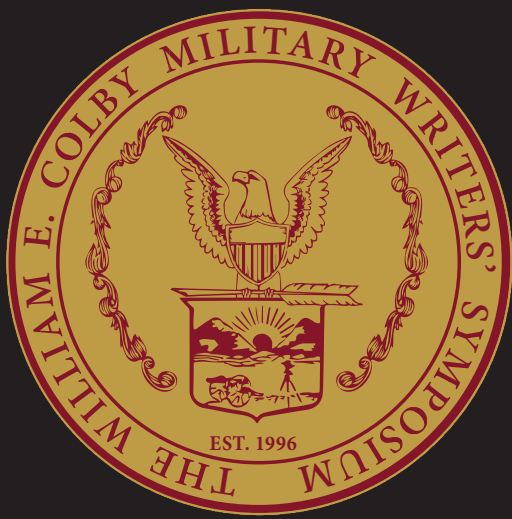
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